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SUBJECT : Italian Partisan Formation OE, with Particular Reference to Unit Commanders

SOURCE : L 1

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1. Attached herewith one copy of interim table of Italian Partisan battle order, including names of unit commanders, as of 15 April 1945.
2. There have been repeated indications that present extreme left clandestine military organization is based on units and personnel activated during the partisan period. It is our opinion that this applies particularly to the PCI Garibaldi Divisions and Brigades, which escaped close scrutiny immediately after the armistice because of the preoccupation of all (excepting perhaps 300 FSS) security agencies with the G.I.S.
3. The attachment is based upon what has now been accepted by the Partisan Office of the Presidency of the Council as the official list of CNL units in existence as of 15 April 1945. The list as drawn up by the Presidency of the Council included only unit names and locations and was published by Luigi LONGO in his The Popolo alla Macchia (Mondadori, Milan 1946) pp. 455-470. As far as is known to us no partial or complete list of units and their commanders has been published or even contemplated by the Italian authorities. Through Subsource L 1, who is uniquely placed for the task (see KAPOK 141 and 142), Source has completed about half of the task of compiling these names from the original documentation. Battle names are indicated in parentheses.
4. A copy of LONGO's book, which is in actuality the work of the PCI military studies office, is attached for your retention. The work is a complete realization of the Party line in the historical interpretation of the partisan period. As such, it has been bitterly criticized by exponents of other parties and individuals who participated in the CNL.

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Comandanti

Brigata Garibaldi
 145^a Brigata Garibaldi
 Brigata S.A.P. Montagna
 75^a bis Brigata Garibaldi S.A.P.
 37^a Brigata Garibaldi G.A.P.
 Battaglione Indipendente Alleato

: ~~CREMONINI~~ Remo (Anis)
 : ~~MONTEFALCINI~~ Fio (Luigi)
 : ~~VERONI~~ Luigi (Montesi)
 : CASOLI Alfredo (Robinson)
 : ~~Maggiore~~ ~~Max~~ Gent

COMANDO REGIONALE SUD EMILIA (DIPENDENTI)

Zona Bologna

COMANDO DIVISIONE ALPINA GARIBALDI "LUPO"

62^a Brigata Camicia Rossa
 66^a Brigata Garibaldi "Pietro Jacchia"
 Brigata G.L.
 Battaglione Indipendente Rovinetti
 Battaglione Indipendente Imola

: ~~CUCCHI~~ Aldo (Iaropo)
 : ~~POGGI~~ Walter (Polino)
 : ~~PONDIANI~~ Pietro (Pietro)

COMANDO DIVISIONE GARIBALDI "MARIO"

1^a Brigata Bandiera
 2^a Brigata Paola
 3^a Brigata Bolero
 4^a Brigata Venturoli
 5^a Brigata Bonvicini
 6^a Brigata Garibaldi
 7^a Brigata Gianni
 8^a Brigata G.L. Masia
 9^a Brigata Indipendente S. Justa
 33^a Brigata Garibaldi "Rizieri"

: ~~CAPPELLI~~ Renato (Leo)
 : ~~PANCARDY~~ Beltrando (Plan)
 : ~~VECCHIETTI~~ Raffo (Gianni)
 : ~~MEZZETTI~~ Enrico (Fulmine)
 : ~~FERRI~~ Werter (Barba)
 : ~~SILVESTRI~~ Francesco
 : ~~COMBI~~ Vittorio (Liberio) pericoloso,
 : ~~FOSCHI~~ Piero (Sergio) colto, intelligente
 : ~~NUCRI~~ Pino (S. Justa)

Zona Modena

DIVISIONE ALPINA GARIBALDI "MAINER"

33^a Brigata Rovina
 Brigata Italia
 34^a Brigata Allegretti
 Brigata Scarabelli
 Brigata Tassoni
 Brigata Stop
 Brigata Speranza
 Brigata Matteotti

: ~~SABATINI~~ Severino (Weimar) pericolosissimo.

: ~~PAGANELLI~~ Luigi (Lino)
 : ~~DIGUDICI~~ Leo (Leo)
 : ~~CASTELLANI~~ Mario (Marcello)
 : ~~RAIOCELLINI~~ Gianni (Gianni)
 : ~~Cap. RAIMONDI~~ Renzo (Gianni)
 : ~~Cap. BASILE~~ (Fieramosca)

DIVISIONE ALPINA GARIBALDI "MODENA A."

1^a Brigata Felloni
 2^a Brigata Corsini
 3^a Brigata Castrignano
 Brigata Roveta

: ~~RICCI~~ Armando (Arman;) peric; mo
 : ~~CAVALIERI~~ Otello (Fulmine)
 : ~~FORONI~~ Ugo (Uragano)
 : ~~PAPA~~ Filippo (Filippo)

COMANDO DIVISIONE GARIBALDI "MODENA"
 (Pianure)
 BRIGATA Tabacchi

: ~~SCALABRA~~ Italo (Sesto)
 : ~~BISI~~ Umberto (Omar)